

Typification of the genus *Myriactis* LESS. (Compositae: Astereae)

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Myriactis LESS. contained two species when published but was not typified. The genus is lectotypified herein, based on *Myriactis nepalensis*.

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Work by the first author during the preparation of Master's dissertation, on the local flora of Mt. Xiaobaicaoling, Yunnan Province, China, showed that there was a problem with the genus *Myriactis*. This genus, with c. 12 species, is distributed from Caucasus through southern and southeastern Asia to New Guinea, with one species in South America (BREMER 1994).

LESSING (1831) established *Myriactis* with two species, *M. nepalensis* and *M. wallichii*, but did not designate the type of the genus. However, he did indicate that he had seen a specimen of each of the species in the HORNEMANN Herbarium, and published them based on the specimens collected by WALLICH (LESSING 1831). The holotypes of *M. nepalensis* and *M. wallichii* have been located in Copenhagen (C). *Myriactis nepalensis* was illustrated in the protologue (LESSING 1831) and it is clear that the generic characters were abstracted from this species.

The genus is lectotypified as follows:

Myriactis LESS., Linnaea 6: 127 (1831). Lectotype (designated here): *Myriactis nepalensis* LESS.

Myriactis nepalensis LESS., Linnaea 6: 128 (1831). Type: [Nepal]: 'Napalia Wallich' [s.n., s.dat.] (holotype C, photograph seen).

Myriactis wallichii LESS., Linnaea 6: 129 (1831). Type: [Nepal]: 'Napalia Wallich' [s.n., s.dat.] (holotype C, photograph seen).

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